GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:22
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2016
Culling of Wild Animals
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to allow some States to cull certain wild animals;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether this decision has caused conflict rather than cohabitation in man- animal relationship;
(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that this decision is not misused widely in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*22 REGARDING "CULLING OF WILD ANIMALS" BY SHRI D. K. SURESH DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.07.2016:

(a) & (b) In response to the request from the State Governments to include problematic wild animals in Schedule V in accordance with section 62 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Ministry has issued notifications classifying certain species in Schedule V for limited period in specific areas, as per the details below:

State Number of districts Wild animals included in Sch V of W(P) Act, 1972 Gazette notification Period of validity of notification
Bihar 31 Nilgai (Boselaphus tragocamelus) S.O. 3318(E) dated 01.12.2015 One year
10 Wild pig
(Sus scrofa)
Uttarakhand 13 Wild pig
(Sus scrofa) S.O. 374(E) dated 03.02.2016 One year
Himachal Pradesh- Shimla 01

Rhesus Macaque (Macaca mulatta) S.O. 1140(E) dated 14.03. 2016 Six months
Himachal Pradesh 10 S.O. 1922(E). dated 24.05.2016 One year

(c) and (d) No such information is available in the Ministry. The step has been taken for dealing with over population of these species in identified areas out side forest for a limited period only.

(e) The State Governments are empowered to implement the provisions of the Act in letter and spirit. Adequate measures to ensure compliance of the notifications vests with the respective State Governments. The notifications do not prohibit enforcement of any other law related to welfare of animals.

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